through judicial proceedings, the bond and interest and redemption checks will be paid, or the bond will be reissued, upon the request of the person shown to be entitled by the court order. The request must be supported by a certified copy of the legal representative's court-approved final account, the decree of distribution, or other pertinent court records. If two or more persons have an interest in the bond, they must enter into an agreement concerning the bond's disposition. If the person entitled desires to name a coowner or beneficiary, a separate request must be made on an appropriate form.

(c) *Special provisions for small amounts.* Special procedures are available for establishing entitlement to, or effecting disposition of, savings bonds and interest and redemption checks if the aggregate face amount, excluding interest checks, does not exceed $1,000.

§ 353.72 Estate not administered.

(a) *Special State law provisions.* A request for payment or reissue of a bond by the person who has qualified under State law to receive or distribute the assets of a decedent's estate will be accepted, provided evidence of the person's authority is submitted.

(b) *Agreement of persons entitled.* If there is no legal representative for the estate of a decedent, the bonds will be paid to, or reissued in the name of, the persons entitled, pursuant to an agreement and request executed by all persons entitled to share in the decedent's personal estate. If the persons entitled to share in the decedent's personal estate include minors or incompetents, payment or reissue of the bonds must be made to them or in their names unless their interest in the bonds is otherwise protected.

(c) *Creditors.* An institutional creditor of a deceased owner's estate is entitled to payment only to the extent of its claim.

(d) *Special provisions for payment of small amounts—survivors of the decedent.* (1) If the face amount of the bond does not exceed $500 and there is no legal representative of the deceased owner's estate, the bond will be paid upon the request of the person who paid the bur-

ial expenses and who has not been reimbursed.

(2) If there is no legal representative of the estate of a decedent who died without a will, and the total face amount of bonds in the estate does not exceed $1,000 (face amount), the bonds may be paid to the decedent's survivors upon request in the following order of precedence:

(i) Surviving spouse;

(ii) If no surviving spouse, to the child or children of the decedent, and the descendants of deceased children by representation;

(iii) If none of the above, to the parents of the decedent, or the survivor;

(iv) If none of the above, to the brothers and sisters, and the decendants of deceased brothers or sisters by representation;

(v) If none of the above, to other next-of-kin, as determined by the laws of the owner's domicile at death;

(vi) If none of the above, to persons related to the decedent by marriage.

The payment pursuant to this section shall be made upon the request and agreement of the survivors to receive the redemption proceeds individually and for the account of any persons entitled. Interest checks held for the estate of a decedent will be distributed with the bonds.

Subpart M—Fiduciaries

§ 353.75 Payment or reissue during the existence of the fiduciary estate.

(a) *Payment or reissue before maturity*—(1) *Request from the fiduciary named in the registration.* A request for reissue or payment prior to maturity must be signed by all of the fiduciaries unless by statute, decree of court, or the terms of the governing instrument, any lesser number may properly execute the request. If the fiduciaries named in the registration are still acting, no further evidence will be required. In other cases, evidence to support the request will be required, as specified:

(i) *Fiduciaries by title only.* If the bond is registered only in the titles, without the names, of fiduciaries not acting as a board, satisfactory evidence of their incumbency must be furnished, except